



## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: **FUEL INJECTION VALVE**  C 3700 MAIL ROOM

## RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following new claim:

--6. A fuel injection valve for opening and closing a needle valve by driving an armature by a solenoid, comprising, a buffer portion for damping a change of fuel pressure caused by valve bounce when the needle yalve is closed, said buffer portion being disposed at a position at which said buffer portion faces and contacts a fuel passage located at an upstream side with respect to an end face of said armature located on a side of a nozzle opening side. --

Claim 2:

line 1, change "1" to --6--.

Claim 3:

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Claim 4:

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Claim 5:

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